

## CLAIMS

1. A device for preventing the removal of or tampering with a construction fitting having two construction element engaging components interconnected by a fastener, said fastener comprising a bolt extending between said components and a nut for tightening on said bolt rigidly to interconnect said components with a gap therebetween, said device comprising a body portion for at least partly covering said nut, preventing access thereto by an unfastening tool, said body portion then extending from said nut to a position alongside said bolt within said gap, said device further including locking means movable relative to the body portion between a first position in which the device may be removed from the fitting and a second position when such removal is prevented, said locking means extending, in its second position from said body portion in a direction towards said bolt with said gap.
2. A device according to Claim 1, wherein said body means is movable within a bore in said body portion.
3. A device according to Claim 2, wherein said locking means is a screw-threaded element.
4. A device according to Claim 3, wherein said locking means is a pin lockable to the body portion in its second position.
5. A device according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the locking means is arranged so that access thereto to effect said movement requires a suitably sized and shaped tool.
6. A device according to Claim 5, wherein said locking means and said tool are provided with respective key and keyhole elements which must be engaged in order to move said locking means from said second to said first position.

7. A device according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the body portion surrounds, in use, essentially all of the otherwise exposed surfaces of the nut of the fitting, said body portion including a bore through which the free end of the bolt extends.

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8. A device according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the body portion and locking means are made of metal.

9. A device according to any of the preceding claims, wherein said device is for  
10 preventing the removal of or tampering with a scaffolding fitting.

10. A device according to any of Claims 1 to 8, wherein said device is for preventing the removal of or tampering with a fitting forming part of temporary fencing.

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